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Proposal: H.J.Res. 34, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to taxing the people of the United States progressively.

Sponsor: Rep. Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. (D-IL)

Summary: This proposed amendment would require that Congress institute a progressive income tax.

Problems with the Resolution: This proposed Constitutional amendment makes a fairer tax system unconstitutional, and meanwhile makes permanent an increasingly unfair system of taxation. The proposed amendment additionally does not define what exactly is meant by a progressive tax system, making the effects of the proposed amendment likely to be determined by judicial interpretation rather than by democratic consent.

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